

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY MESSAGE – JANUARY 22, 2024

THERE IS NO BLOCK SCHEDULE THIS WEEK:

Monday – Thursday – Regular Schedule
Friday – Minimum Schedule

GUM: We have seen an increase in the amount of gum thrown on the ground or stuck on furniture. In grades 6-12, it is not unreasonable to expect students to be able to put their gum into the trash cans. We are asking your help in reminding your child the importance of doing so. As a community, it is all of our responsibility to keep our campus clean, safe, and well presented. We have new buildings, new furniture in most rooms, new sidewalks that are getting destroyed simply because a student can't walk 3 feet and put their gum in the trash can. It is not OK.

TRASH: Similarly, we have seen an increase in the amount of trash being left on tables and the ground. In grades 6-12, it is not unreasonable to expect students to be able to put their trash into the trash cans. We are asking your help in reminding your child the importance of doing so. As a community, it is all of our responsibility to keep our campus clean, safe, and well presented. We need to care for our campus better and care for our environment better, the ocean is yards away and yet kids leave trash for the winds or birds to carry to the ocean. We have one daytime custodian, he is not employed to pick up student trash. It is the student's responsibility to throw away their trash.

SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

CONGRATULATIONS! REFLECTIONS WINNERS: Thank you to all the students who participated in this year's PTSA sponsored Reflections Arts Program, with the theme Show Your Voice! Students participated in various categories including Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts. The winning students advanced to the district level competition. [All students recognized can be found here.](#)

VOLUNTEER TRAININGS: Interested in volunteering on campus, during the school day in any capacity? Then you must be processed and cleared as a Level 1 volunteer which includes completing volunteer packet, TB questionnaire, and attending an in-person training. The next Parent Volunteer Trainings (mainly for Friendly Faces) will be offered VIA ZOOM on **Friday, February 2nd** at 10:00 am, and in person on **Friday, March 15th** after the POMS meeting (approximately 11:00 am.) To prepare, parents can begin to complete [the volunteer packet for Level 1 volunteers here.](#)

SHARK FUND STILL NEEDS YOUR DONATIONS! Grants have been disbursed to PTSA, Arts Angels and Athletic Booster Club for the first 1/2 of the year to help support the vibrant arts, athletics and parent, student teacher communities at our schools. And we have provided the full funding to administration for the tutors and community service liaison. These funds directly support all students at Malibu Middle and Malibu High School. If you haven't done so already, please visit thesharkfundmalibu.org to make any size tax-deductible donation today. Contact TheSharkFundOrg@gmail.com with any questions.

DONATE TO SHARK FUND BY SHOPPING AT RALPH'S: Be sure to link your rewards card to Shark Fund at <https://www.ralphs.com/i/community/community-contribution-program> and Ralph's will donate every time you shop!

CHECKING PROGRESS REPORTS/REPORT CARDS: AERIES PORTAL VIDEOS (STUDENT & PARENT): These videos help explain to students & parents/guardians on how to access their portals and check grades. [Student Portal](#) [Parent Portal](#)

CA STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY (GRADE 12): The California State Seal of Biliteracy is a special recognition for seniors who have a high level of proficiency in two languages. Those that apply and meet the [criteria](#) will receive the CA State Seal of Biliteracy insignia on their diploma. Seniors who meet the requirements must apply using the google form in the senior google classroom page or see your school counselor. The deadline to apply is March 1. Any questions, see your counselor. [Link to SSB application](#)

SENIOR SWEATSHIRTS: (GRADE 12): Parents! Order your senior sweaters!!! Deadline is January 31. We want to get this to students by Valentines day so order ASAP! All order will be shipped to me at Malibu High and we will distribute on Feb 14th if it gets here in time! [Order NOW here!](#)

YEARBOOK:

- Yearbook Sales: Books will be significantly more expensive as the year progresses, so please buy it now! *Link* : <http://yearbooks3.pixami.com/MalibuHigh/home3/Bookstore.jsp>
- Senior Parents: *The deadline has passed to submit Senior portraits, baby photos, reflection photos and senior quotes, BUT* you can still purchase parent recognition ads to celebrate your senior AND still purchase a yearbook. Books will be significantly more expensive as the year progresses, so please buy it now! *Link to both the ad and book:* <http://yearbooks3.pixami.com/MalibuHigh/home3/Bookstore.jsp>

THIS WEEK AT MHS:

NO BLOCK SCHEDULE: The week of January 22nd will be a NO BLOCK week to allow for MMS to have their character education program with HumanUtopia. Monday – Thursday will be a periods 1-6 day and Friday our normal Minimum Day. There is no block schedule on **January 24 or 25.**

COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS: The **Wednesday, January 24 at 9:00am** Coffee with the Counselors will include a presentation from our new on campus partner, One on Campus. Join counselors, administrators and ONE to hear about topics including device management, social media, red flags and resources from Dr. Don Grant and A&E's Intervention Candy Finnigan.

PTSA GENERAL MEETING: The first General Meeting of the PTSA will be Thursday, January 25th from 9 – 10 am in the Parent Center.

SMC MALIBU CAMPUS OPEN HOUSE: MMS/MHS students, parents, and faculty are invited to a special event at the SMC Malibu Campus on **January 26th from 2:45 pm to 3:30 pm**. Instructors from SMC will be on hand to talk with students and parents and class demonstrations are planned. In addition, they will also be offering campus tours and give a general overview of life at Santa Monica College Malibu Campus. All Malibu High Students have the option of doing concurrent enrollment at SMC this Summer (Online, at Malibu campus, at main campus) for free!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ASB SPIRIT WEEK: The week of **January 29- February 2nd** is our Winter Spirit Week hosted by ASB with the theme “Trends with Friends!” Start planning your outfits according:

- Monday, 1/29 – Jersey Day
- Tuesday, 1/30 – White Lies
- Wednesday, 1/31 – Anything BUT a Backpack
- Thursday, 2/1 – Celebrity Day
- Friday, 2/2 – Class Colors

The week includes a Food Truck Lunch on **Thursday, February 1st** (make sure you bring cash,) Pep Rally on **Friday, February 2nd**, and Winter Formal Dance on **Saturday, February 3rd** at the Malibu West Beach Club from 7 – 9 pm. Tickets go on sale Tuesday, January 30th at the Student Store.

CSF DRIVE: The spring CSF drive will be held **January 29 - February 2**. Your counselors will be set up near the student store at the CSF table during lunchtime the whole week with applications. Bring your \$5 and a print-out of your 1st semester grades for eligibility.

MASQUE AUDITIONS: Come share your hidden (or not so hidden) talents with us! MASQUE auditions will be held Monday and **Tuesday, January 29th and 30th**. [Sign up here!](#)

MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL: The 2024 Malibu Middle School Musical will be Frozen JR. and the show dates are **February 8th-10th at 7:00 PM and February 11th at 1:00 PM**. Come enjoy a story of true love where two sisters experience mysteries of magic, tragedy, and a long journey to find their confidence and inner powers. The sisters, Anna and Elsa, deal with matters of friendship, family, and love with some irresistible characters along the way including Olaf the snowman, Sven the reindeer, Oaken, Pabbie and Bulda and the Hidden Folk. It is truly a magical frozen tale! Tickets and more info at www.malibums.smmusd.org

NO SCHOOL: Malibu High School and all SMMUSD schools will be closed on **Monday, February 19th** in observance of Presidents' Day.

END OF GP4: The end of the first grading period of the spring semester is **Friday, February 23rd**. Progress reports will be available in the Aeries Parent Portal the following week. Please remember, this first grading period will only reflect a handful of assignments so ensure that you are completing all tasks asked of you on time, and to the best of your ability.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: All MHS students are expected to complete 20 hours annually of service learning hours in our community. Students can self-select activities or participate in opportunities listed in the CSL platform, www.csl.smmusd.org. Questions/Sign Ups, contact Kim, kretts@smmusd.org. Some upcoming events include:

1. Agoura Animal Shelter, *must be 16, 8 hours/month, *Contact volunteer@animalcare.lacounty.gov
2. Malibu Public Library, 3 hours/week working in the bookstore. *Contact harrietpollon@yahoo.com
3. Malibu Little League, gearing up for Spring, help with field maintenance, snack shack, coaching assisting and swag table.
4. Malibu Foundation Replant Love, 2/4/24, 9am-2pm <https://www.replantlove.com>

POINT DUME PRESERVATIONISTS MONTHLY VOLUNTEER EVENT: Join others the second Wednesday of the month at the Point Dume Preserve at Birdview & Cliffside Drive to keep the headlands poison-free. Please bring gardening gloves and be prepared to do some hand weeding with some of your wonderful neighbors from 9a-noon. [Sign Up Here.](#)

EMPOWERHER: THRIVING TEENS WORKSHOP: Join a space designed for self-discovery and growth, addressing topics like boosting self-esteem, nurturing positive peer relationships, mastering stress management, and developing effective coping strategies. Tailored discussions will delve into specific concerns such as school pressures, body image, and communication skills. If you are interested, send me an email at gracebindley@drerinfoster.com. Hosted By: Grace Bindley, AMFT (MHS Alumna) at Malibu Cure Club. Cost: \$60 per person. Dates/Times: Mondays 4:30-6pm, January 23 - March 19

PARENT PROJECT: SMMUSD is excited to offer a second session of the Parent Project, a FREE program that helps teach parents and caregivers the skills necessary to manage behavioral challenges in teens. Led by mental health providers in collaboration with SMMUSD's Family Engagement and EL Programs Office, SMPD Youth and Family Services Support Coordinator, and the Santa Monica Youth Resource Team, this program is geared for parents and caregivers of teens. Sessions will begin on January 29 with a culmination ceremony on April 29, 2024. For more info: [flyer.](#)

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MALIBU:

The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu aims to provide a fun, safe, and creative environment for all Malibu youth to thrive, find support through positive mentorship, develop important life skills, and receive social and emotional support. We are currently offering programs for teens to use as a social, developmental, and supplemental tool. Current offerings include:

- **BGCM Membership Enrollment is LIVE.** Enroll at BGMALIBU.ORG Available for incoming grades 6th-12th. Programs will include: service learning trips, field trips, social emotional wellness, outdoor activities & more! [Enroll Here](#) | [Inscribirse Aquí](#)
- **Third Space is OPEN at Malibu Village!** Third Space is a storefront, gallery and an innovation space for youth to be mentored and inspired. A project of the Boys & Girls

Club of Malibu, made possible by many generous community contributors. A percentage of all store purchases benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu:

- Safe spaces after-school
- Mental health services for youth, families and aging population
- Drug and alcohol prevention programming
- Innovative and inspiring opportunities for youth
- Regenerative systems and educational initiatives

Here, in our vibrant community, we value care, connection, and creativity. We offer youth, families, and visitors of all ages the chance to explore products from local, sustainable and social entrepreneurs. To learn more, visit thirdspacemalibu.org Follow us on IG/FB: @thirdspacemalibu

- **BGCM Scholarship Opportunities:** BGCM offers scholarship opportunities tailored to support graduation goals, mental health advocacy, and fostering a positive Club environment through kindness. If your teen is interested in applying for these opportunities, kindly email Violet at violetway@bgcmalibu.org. This opportunity is open to 12th graders only.
- **Brent's Club** is an incentivized social-emotional wellness program focused on racial justice, youth advocacy, drug prevention, and building peer support by connecting with other Brent's Clubs and youth from diverse communities. Meetings are bi-weekly on Mondays, during lunch, on the school campus. Lunch will be provided every meeting! Email violetway@bgcmalibu.org for more info.
- **Wellness Center & Social Support Offerings** The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center operates remotely and also in-person to provide no-cost social support & mental health counseling to all in the community. Visit <https://bgcmalibu.org/wellness-center/> to learn more or to request services for you/your teen. There is currently NO WAITLIST for services. PSA: Parents! If you've missed any parent workshops, they are available on our website at <https://bgcmalibu.org/wellness-center-resources/>

*To contact the Club please call [310-457-1400](tel:310-457-1400) (Admin) or [310-241-3675](tel:310-241-3675) (Programs)
Email info@bgcmalibu.org For updates on Club news & events, subscribe to BGCM E-Newsletter [Here](#)